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# News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In January 2006, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a total of **four (4) recalls relating to products affecting children.** Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past two months.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128.** 

Following is a listing of the 4 "KIDS" recalls by title and identification number (when available):

- Hurley International recalls boy's hooded jackets with drawstrings. #06-065
- Fisher-Price recalls Infant Musical Toy Chair posing strangulation hazard. #06-068
- Mizuno USA Inc Recalls "Gamer" Baseball Gloves due to chance of infection in at-risk consumers. #06-070
- Steve & Barry's University recalls Children's Outerwear with Drawstring Strangulation Hazard. #06-076

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

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Release Number (06-065): Hurley International, of Costa Mesa, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 330 Boy's Windbreaker Jacket with Drawstring Razor™. The recalled jackets are black or gray, and were sold in youth sizes up to size 20. "HurleyCo" is stitched on the upper left outside of the jacket. The style number BJ06GS is printed on a label sewn inside the left side seam of the jacket. The jackets were sold at various department and specialty stores nationwide from July through early December, 2005 for about \$50 to \$60. They were manufactured in Hong Kong.

**Problem:** The jackets have a drawstring through the hood, posing a strangulation hazard to children. In February 1996, the CPSC issued guidelines to help prevent children from strangling or getting entangled on the neck and waist drawstrings of upper garments such as jackets and sweatshirts.

What to do: Consumers should remove the drawstring to eliminate the hazard. For more information, call Hurley toll-free at (800) 747-9994 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, write to Hurley at <a href="mailto:help@hurley.com">help@hurley.com</a>, or visit the Hurley Web site at <a href="https://www.hurley.com">www.hurley.com</a>.



 http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06 /06065.html

Release Number (06-068): Fisher-Price, of East Aurora, N.Y., is voluntarily recalling about 614,000 Fisher-Price® Laugh & Learn™ Musical Learning Chair™. The recalled Laugh & Learn Musical Learning Chair is a plastic infant toy that measures about 17 inches high. It plays music and teaches children numbers and letters. It also

features a blue chair with four green plastic legs and a side table with a purple base and white top. The table holds a clock, book, and a lamp. Smiley faces are displayed on the lamp and seat back. "Fisher-Price" is written on the front of the chair. The packaging states that the toy is intended for children 12 months through 36 months of age. The model numbers are H4609, H7167 through H7173, H8157, H8998, and J0272 through J0275 can be found on the underside of the seat of the chair. They were sold at discount department and toy stores nationwide from May 2005 through January 2006 for about \$27 and manufactured in China.

**Problem:** A child can become lodged between the seatback and side table of the chair, possibly leading to an entrapment of the neck. This can pose a strangulation hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should take the recalled musical chair away from children immediately and contact Fisher-Price at (866) 552-3914 anytime or visit the firm's Web site at <a href="https://www.service.fisher-price.com">www.service.fisher-price.com</a> to receive a free repair kit that contains a plastic piece that connects in between the seatback and side table, preventing the possibility of entrapment.



 http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06 /06068.html

Release Number (06-070): Mizuno USA, Inc., of Norcross, Ga., is voluntarily recalling about 12,800 Mizuno "Gamer" Baseball Gloves. The recall includes all Mizuno "Gamer" baseball gloves. These gloves have the word "Gamer" printed on the palm of the gloves. They were sold at sporting goods stores nationwide from July 2005 through October 2005 for about \$80.

The gloves were manufactured in the Philippines.

**Problem:** These gloves could contain aspergillus mold. Such mold usually does not affect healthy individuals, but could cause respiratory or other infections in individuals with chronic health problems or in individuals who have impaired immune systems.

What to do: Consumers should stop using the gloves and contact Mizuno USA, Inc. at (800) 966-1211 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, for information on how to receive a free replacement baseball glove.



 http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06 /06070.html

Release Number (06-076): Steve & Barry's University Sportswear, of Port Washington, N.Y. is voluntarily recalling about 334,000 Children's Upper Outerwear with Drawstrings. The recalled garments are various color jackets, coats, sweatshirts and sweaters sold in youth sizes up to size 12 with drawstrings through the hood. Many of the sweatshirts have the names of colleges and universities written on them. A tag sewn on the garment reads, "Steve & Barry's Quality Athletic Goods." The style numbers are 15178, 16105, 16168, 16230, 16231, 16257, 16509, 17197, 17285 and 18346, which is written on a collar or side label. The items were sold at Steve & Barry's University Sportswear stores nationwide from January 2004 through December 2005 for between \$6 and \$10 and manufactured in China, India, Pakistan and Macau.

**Problem:** The garments have a drawstring through the hood, posing a strangulation hazard to children. In February 1996, CPSC issued <u>quidelines</u> to help prevent children from strangling or getting entangled on the neck and waist of drawstrings of upper garments, such as jackets and sweatshirts.

**What to do:** Consumers should remove the drawstrings to eliminate the hazard or return the garment to the store where purchased for a

refund. For additional information, contact Steve & Barry's University Sportswear toll-free at (877) 866-7776 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at <a href="https://www.steveandbarrys.com">www.steveandbarrys.com</a>





 http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06 /06076.html

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If you have any questions or want to file a complaint regarding an unsafe product, contact:

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